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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, FBIS  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--February 1985

I. GENERAL

The Bahrain Telecommunications Company announced on 27 February that, owing to massive profits in 1984, rental charges for telephones and telexes will be cut by approximately 25 percent effective 1 April 1985. Charges for phone calls on Fridays will also be half priced effective 5 April. This development will have a positive impact on the bureau's communications budget and on the pocketbooks of individual staffers.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. The bureau's reception of Tehran Television Service in Persian, which became monitorable again in late January, proved fruitful on 4 February when the bureau monitored and videotaped a 33-minute recorded speech by Ayatollah Khomeyni marking the "10 Days of Dawn" ceremonies. The videotape elicited great interest and, at the request of MOD, special arrangements were made to dispatch the videotape immediately to Washington via commercial courier.

2. Baghdad Television Service in Persian became monitorable on 21 February for the first time since October 1984. Video and audio reception were good. The Arabic service also was received for the first time since April 1984 with fair video and good audio reception.

3. The Gulf tanker war registered one of its biggest losses in February when the Liberian-registered tanker "Neptunia" carrying 60,000 tons of aviation fuel was hit by Iraqi jets off Bushehr and sank several days later. Two other ships were confirmed hit by Iraqi jets during the month. On its part, Iran is believed responsible for three air attacks on Gulf shipping, one occurring just 60 km north of Abu Dhabi.

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B. Communications

1. The local Naval Administrative Unit (ASU) received permission this month for a line between the ASU and the Embassy. This line, which was initially proposed by FBIS Gulf Bureau, will enable the bureau to send and receive material to and from the ASU via the Embassy in the event of long outages on our primary circuit. At the moment, material has to be handcarried to and from the ASU. Timing for completion of the project depends on when [redacted] completes its upgrade to receive ASU traffic.

2. The staffing situation in the bureau teletype section was improved somewhat with the return of one teletypist from maternity leave on 10 February, allowing the departure of London Bureau TDY teletypist [redacted] on 7 February. The section is still down two teletypists, one on extended maternity leave and the other on sick leave, but can handle the workload with help from the bureau's administrative assistant.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Persian monitor [redacted] EOD'd on 3 February and part-time Persian monitor [redacted] was converted to full-time FBN status on the same day.

2. London Bureau teletypist [redacted] departed 7 February after a 1-month working TDY.

B. Visits

1. [redacted] a fire protection officer from the State Department's Office of Foreign Buildings, paid a courtesy call at the bureau on 23 February to advise on removal of fire hazards.

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Chief, Gulf Bureau

Attachment A

ENGINEERING REPORT -- GULF BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

Equipment Received : 2 IBM Personal Computer Systems.

Equipment Transferred : None

Projects : Construction of two desks for use with the personal computers.

Ongoing switchgear installation.

Installation of replacement landline interfaces.

## GULF BUREAU : INDUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 253,540

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 88,430

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 671

BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: 15,025 8,280 230.5

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)

## III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

## AFGHANISTAN

AHABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
AHABUL IN ENGLISH TO	
SOUTH ASIA	150

## BHURAIN

ANNAHRA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	500
ANNAHRA TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	340
ANNAHRA WAHKH IN	
ARABIC	13,790
ANNAHRA WAHKH IN	
ENGLISH	18,560
ANNAHRA RAKHBAR AL-KHALIJ	
IN ARABIC	2,240
ANNAHRA AL-ADWA' IN	
ARABIC	-0-
ANNAHRA AL-MAWAQIF	
IN ARABIC	510
ANNAHRA SADA AL-USBU'	
IN ARABIC	360
ANNAHRA GULF DAILY NEWS	
IN ENGLISH	3,750
ANNAHRA GULF MIRROR IN	
ENGLISH	250

## CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN DARI	760
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN PASHTO	430
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN BAHIDINANI KURDISH	270
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRSSI KURDISTAN IN SURANI KURDISH	198
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	1,200
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO NEJAT-E IRAN IN PERSIAN	2,620
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN PERSIAN	2,730
(CLANDESTINE) FREE SONS OF YEMENI SOUTH IN ARABIC	670

## IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	8,720
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	380
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TURKISH	-0-
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN DARI	-0-
SHIRAZ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	270
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	11,150
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	160
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN BAHIDINANI KURDISH	560
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-
SHIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	350
SHIRAZ 'ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	1,110
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	3,960

IN PERSIAN	670
MASHHAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
MIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	930
MBRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARMENIAN	1,080
MABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN AZERI	320
MHEJAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN IRNA IN	
ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN AL-SHAMID	
IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI	
IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL	
IN ENGLISH	630
TEHRAN TEHRAN TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	-0-
TEHRAN ETTELA'AT IN	
PERSIAN	3,370
TEHRAN JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI	
IN PERSIAN	1,630
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN	
PERSIAN	490
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I	
IN PERSIAN	1,060

## IRAQ

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	1,610
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	3,260
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-

## KUWAIT

KUWAIT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-ANBA'	
IN ARABIC	4,520
KUWAIT AL-HADAF IN	
ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-QABAS	
IN ARABIC	2,970
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM	
IN ARABIC	1,180
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN	
ARABIC	1,720

KUWAIT AL-WATAN	1,760
IN ARABIC	
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	5,320
LEBANON	
BEIRUT AZTAG IN	
ARMENIAN	6,050
BEIRUT ZARTOKH IN	
ARMENIAN	2,020
JMAN	
MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	4,600
MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	450
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN	
ARABIC	420
PAKISTAN	
ISLAMIAIRD THE MUSLIM	
IN ENGLISH	550
KARACHI DAWN IN	
ENGLISH	8,480
KARACHI JASRAT IN	
URDU	2,690
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN	
URDU	1,730
KARACHI NAWA-E WAQT	
IN URDU	2,730
LAHORE JANG IN	
URDU	2,160
KHWALPINDI HAIDAR IN	
URDU	-0-
KHWALPINDI PAKISTAN TIMES	
IN ENGLISH	3,380
QATAR	
DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	1,470
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
DOHA QNA IN	
ARABIC	4,500
SAUDI ARABIA	
JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	2,810
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	3,880
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	1,350

KYTHUN TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ENGLISH	-0-
AL-DAMHAM AL-YAWN IN	
ARABIC	-0-
JEDDAH AL-BILDI IN	
ARABIC	-0-
JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN	
ARABIC	980

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO	
IRAN	550
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN AZERI	3,050
JUSHRANDE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
ISHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
ISHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN UIGHUR	-0-
ISHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN UZBEK	1,120
YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN ARMENIAN	-0-
ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	320
ISHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	960
SHKU DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN AZERI	6,310
SHKU DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	-0-
JUSHRANDE DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	990
ISHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	430
ISHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN UZBEK	6,740
YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARMENIAN	260
YEREVAN KOMMUNIST	
IN RUSSIAN	
YEREVAN SOVETAKAN AYASTAN	
IN ARMENIAN	16,930
	11,560

## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

## ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN ARABIC	1,490
JUBRYY DOMESTIC SERVICE	-0-
IN ARABIC	
ABU DHABI WAM	
IN ARABIC	3,170
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD	
IN ARABIC	438
AL-SHARI'AH AL-KHALIJ	
IN ARABIC	630
JUBRYY AL-BAYAN	
IN ARABIC	2,420
JUBRYY KHALEEJ TIMES	
IN ENGLISH	2,930

## UNITED KINGDOM

LONDON ASGHAR AQA	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
LONDON KEYHAN IN	
PERSSIAN	2,490
LONDON VOICE OF IRAN	
IN ENGLISH	-0-

PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
OF YEMEN (PDRY)

ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE TO	
IN ARABIC	28,780
ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE	
IN ARABIC	450
ADEN ARA IN	
ARABIC	668
ADEN ARA IN	
ENGLISH	-0-

## YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)

SHARIA DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	10,980
SHARIA VOICE OF PALESTINE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
SHARIA AL-THAWRAH	
IN ARABIC	600